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## Office of the Mayor, Eileen Weir

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM** 

September 28, 2016

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Ms. Karla Houchins
Program Coordinator, Certificate of Need
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
3418 Knipp Drive, Suite F
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Letter of Support for Independence Post Acute – 70 Skilled Care Facility (#5376)

Dear Ms. Houchins:

As the Mayor of the City of Independence, I fully support the Certificate of Need request currently under review for the Independence Post Acute project #5376 NS, by the Department of Health and Senior Services. The population of senior citizens in Jackson County has grown steadily over the past several years and is expected to continue to grow.

I am excited about the Independence Post Acute project which will establish a 70-bed, all private room, long-term care skilled nursing facility in the City of Independence. I believe that a facility of this type will help to fill a growing need for senior citizens and health care placement needs in the community. In addition, I believe that this undertaking will improve the overall health care services provided to the area residents of Independence and Jackson County.

This project will have a positive impact on both social and economic development by creating new jobs in the areas of construction, skilled nursing care, administration, food services, activities, laundry, housekeeping, social services, and maintenance.

It is estimated that this project will create approximately 350 full-time construction jobs and will eventually result in over 120 full-time healthcare related jobs.

I ask that you support and approve this worthwhile healthcare project for the residents of the City of Independence, Jackson County and the surrounding service areas.

Sincerely,

Eileen N. Weir

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MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 19 MINORITY WHIP

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October 17, 2016

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Re: Letter of Support for Independence Post Acute - 70 Skilled Care Facility (#5376)

Dear Ms. Houchins:

As the State Representative for the 19th District, I fully support the Certificate of Need request currently under review for the Independence Post Acute project #5376 NS, by the Department of Health and Senior Services. The population of senior citizens in Jackson County has grown steadily over the past several years and is expected to continue to grow.

I am excited about the Independence Post Acute project which will establish a 70-bed, all private room, long-term care skilled nursing facility in my district. I believe that a facility of this type will help to fill a growing need for senior citizens and health care placement needs in the community. In addition, I believe that this undertaking will help to beautify the surrounding neighborhood and improve the overall health care services provided to the area residents of Independence and Jackson County.

This project will have a positive impact on both social and economic development by creating new jobs in the areas of construction, skilled nursing care, administration, food services, activities, laundry, housekeeping, social services, and maintenance.

It is estimated that this project will create approximately 350 full-time construction jobs and will eventually result in over 120 full-time healthcare related jobs.

I ask that you support and approve this worthwhile healthcare project for the residents of the City of Independence, Jackson County and the surrounding service areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Rizzo

Missouri State Representative

District 19